

Respondent.

## ORDER OF TRANSFER

A state prisoner challenging the constitutionality of his state conviction may do so by filing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction are preferably heard in the district of conviction. See Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); Laue v. Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968); cf. Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989) (district of

1 confinement best forum to review execution of sentence).

2 Accordingly, this case is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for  
3 the Western Division of the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 84(c)(2),  
4 1391(b), 1404(a); Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b)(1).

5 The Clerk shall transfer the entire file to the Western Division of the Central  
6 District of California.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 DATED: 10/2/09

  
9 JEREMY FOGEL  
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICKEY LOUIS ALFORD,  
Petitioner,

Case Number: CV09-02797 JF

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

v.

HAWS, Warden,

Respondent.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on 10/7/09, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: 10/7/09

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk